

HOUSE BILL 3542

By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to higher education administration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 49-8-119. Any person with ten (10) or more years of service in one (1) or more of the following positions in state government shall be eligible to serve as president of any institution in the state university and community college system: secretary of state; comptroller of the treasury; treasurer; member of the governor's cabinet; or, cabinet level staff. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no such person shall be required to hold an advanced degree; provided, that such person holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 49-9-113. Any person with ten (10) or more years of service in one (1) or more of the following positions in state government shall be eligible to serve as chancellor of any institution in the university of Tennessee system: secretary of state; comptroller of the treasury; treasurer; member of the governor's cabinet; or, cabinet level staff. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no such person shall be required to hold an advanced degree; provided, that such person holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.